

(Four trillion, eight hundred seventy-one billion, three hundred eighty-six million).

Ten years ago, April 11, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,084,969,000,000 (Three trillion, eighty-four billion, nine hundred sixty-nine million).

Fifteen years ago, April 11, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,730,073,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred thirty billion, seventy-three million).

Twenty-five years ago, April 11, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$511,156,000,000 (Five hundred eleven billion, one hundred fifty-six million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,252,494,722,859.87 (Five trillion, two hundred fifty-two billion, four hundred ninety-four million, seven hundred twenty-two thousand, eight hundred fifty-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents) during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNSELING CENTER OF MILWAUKEE, INC.

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend an organization that has provided high quality mental health, residential, case management, prevention, treatment and outreach services to adults, youth and families in the Greater Milwaukee area for thirty years. This organization is the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc.

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee came from humble beginnings. Established in 1970 in the basement of Milwaukee's St. Mary's Hospital, it merged with the organization Pathfinders for Runaways in 1971. The Center has since grown into a \$2.3 million agency with 100 paid and volunteer staff.

In working to fulfill its vision statement of putting more people in charge of their lives, connecting to others and contributing to their communities, the Counseling Center of Milwaukee provides both individual and family services including education, counseling, providing emergency shelter and mentoring.

The Counseling Center serves a variety of clients, most of whom are low income and most from the city of Milwaukee. The Counseling Center has always been a place where clients could turn when they had nowhere else to go. Through public and private funding, the Counseling Center provides service to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. This includes more than 7,000 citizens in the Greater Milwaukee area served in 1999.

I am proud to join in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. I thank the dedicated employees and volunteers of the Center for their significant contributions to the mental health of the citizens of my state, and wish them a prosperous future.●

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize National Library Week and pay tribute to those dedicated individuals who, through their passion for books and learning, make our libraries places of great discovery.

If a child wants to know everything there is to know about space, you could send them up there in a rocket ship. If they're interested in tornadoes, you could send them out after one with a crew of storm chasers. If they'd like to meet George Washington, you could even send them back in time. You could—if you just knew how.

Or, you could send them to the library instead.

National Library Week is April 9-15, and there's no better place than our libraries for bringing the world and the events that shape it—past and present—to life. Fortunately, a child doesn't need any special gadgets to experience all the library has to offer; they just need a library card.

As Congress debates important issues like the federal budget and how to save Social Security, the library is also an excellent place for young people to learn more about government and what's happening in Washington. And of course, the librarians are always there to help.

On the occasion of National Library Week, I urge all Americans to check out a book—and “check out” all the riches their local library has to offer.●

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, boxer Muhammad Ali once said, “Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” Minnesota's volunteers exemplify that philosophy, and during National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, we celebrate their passion for their communities.

National Volunteer Week offers an opportunity to salute the millions of dedicated men, women, and young people for their efforts and their commitment to serve. Volunteers are one of this nation's most valuable resources, making this year's Volunteer Week theme—“Celebrate Volunteers!”—very appropriate.

Minnesotans can be proud that our state has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in the nation. While 56 percent of Americans volunteer nationally, two-thirds of all Minnesotans give back to their communities through volunteering. According to state officials, this show of strength returns \$6.5 billion a year in donated hours to Minnesota communities.

Thanks to the many Minnesota volunteers who help make our communities better, more compassionate places to live. For those who have yet to discover the joy that comes from serving others, I invite them to get involved—and remember the words of Henry David Thoreau: “One is not born into the world to do everything but to

do something.” Volunteering is truly your opportunity to do something.●

IN MEMORY OF LEE PETTY

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to remember auto racing's Lee Petty, who died last week at the age of 86. A pioneer of the sport, he claimed 55 titles, including the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, before a 1961 collision ended his competitive career. His son Richard carried the torch with style, collecting seven Winston Cup trophies and establishing a fan base Lee Petty could have only dreamed of back in the late 1940s when he was scorching North Carolina dirt tracks. But it doesn't end there. Lee's grandson, Kyle, a good friend of mine, continues to find success on the NASCAR circuit and Lee's 17-year-old great-grandson, Adam, recently made his NASCAR debut.

The name Petty has become synonymous with racing, and for good reason. Lee Petty had the foresight to invest in a sport with little pedigree but a heaping portion of American guts and glory. He understood that a driver's personality was often as powerful as the car he drove, and spectators would pay good money to go along for the ride. His empire, Petty Enterprises, bears witness to the clarity of that vision, having produced 271 race winners and 10 NASCAR champions.

Despite great success, Lee Petty never acted like a superstar. He lived with his wife, Elizabeth, in the same modest house where they had raised their children. Perhaps humbleness, and a willingness to brave the hot sun for hours to sign autographs, will prove to be Lee Petty's greatest contribution to American sports. An editorial in Charleston, SC's daily newspaper, the Post and Courier, concludes: “In a day where money seems to be the overriding concern of so many athletes, Lee Petty was a reminder of what is important in the sporting world—and why folks gravitate toward the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. Lee Petty's grown-up NASCAR has never forgotten that a professional sport should be family- and fan-oriented.” The patriarch of one of professional sports' most celebrated families, Lee Petty has left a legacy that will linger over American racetracks for generations to come.●

COMMENTS ON VIETNAM

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, we have all read a lot on Vietnam, but nothing more thoughtful than the brief comments by Charleston, S.C.'s Charles T. “Bud” Ferillo, Jr. in the College of Charleston magazine, “The Cistern.” Mr. Ferillo, a 1972 graduate of the college, served in Vietnam. I ask that his comments be printed in the RECORD.

The comments follow:

PERSPECTIVES

(By Charles T. (Bud) Ferillo, Jr.)

Well before I was drafted, I viewed America's involvement in Vietnam a political